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FROM ARMA ABIDJAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

THIS IS MESSAGE 1R 6 851 0117 74

1. UPPER VOLTA/MALI

2. BORDER DISPUTE

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11. OUAGA 2574, DIRM 1A 3E

12. USDAO ABIDJAN

13. RAYBURN SMITH, COL, GS, DATT

14. NA

15. SUMMARY (:); REPORT PROVIDES ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF MILITARY SITUATION ON UPPER VOLTA/MALI FRONTIER. FRENCH MILITARY SOURCE'S PAST REPORTING HAS PROVED ACCURATE.

16. (C) SOURCE REPORTS THAT UPPER VOLTA MINISTRY OF DEFENSE CLAIMS MALI TROOPS OCCUPY AREA 80 KILOMETERS WIDE AND 14 KILOMETERS DEEP FROM DIONOUGA (1430N - 0200W) TO (1450N - 0105W). REMAINDER OF DISPUTED AREA EAST TO NIGER BORDER NOT OCCUPIED. MAJOR JOANNY IN COMMAND OF VOLTAN FORWARD AREA WITH CP AT DJIBO (1405N - 0135W).

17. (C) ARMY HEADQUARTERS HAS DISPLACED FROM OFFICES IN PRESIDENCE TO ARMY CAMP IN OUAGADOUGOU TO BE NEARER FIXED RADIO COMMUNICATIONS. OFFICERS AND NCO'S SERVING AS GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE NOT RETURNED TO ARMY DUTIES. FRENCH HAVE BEEN ASKED TO RETURN APPROXIMATELY 25 VOLTAN OFFICERS AND SPECIALISTS IN TRAINING IN FRANCE. VETERANS AND OTHERS FLOCKING TO COLORS HAVE NOT BEEN MOBILIZED DUE TO LACK OF ARMS, UNIFORMS, AND LEADERSHIP.

18. COMMENT (C) RO SEEKING INTERVIEW WITH UPPER VOLTA C OF S OR G-2. MANY VOLTAN OFFICERS NORMALLY MET IN BARS AND RESTAURANTS IN OUAGADOUGOU NOT SEEN 23 - 25 DECEMBER. WAR PSYCHOLOGY EVIDENT THROUGHOUT CITY.  
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